(d) if so, whether Government have received any representation in this regard;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps being taken to meet their demands ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI P.A. SANGMA) : (a) to (f) The Special Tripartite Committee in its meeting held in Bombay on December, 21, 1991 recommended that Industrial Committees be revived or constituted for the industries where the number of sick units was large such as Textiles, Engineering, Jute and Chemicals as well as for Road Transport and Electricity Generation & Distribution. The representation of Central Trade Union Organisations on these Committee to annexed. [*See* Appendix CLXII, Annexure No. 33]

As a follow up of the decisions taken in the Special Tripartite Committee meeting, the Industrial Committee on Cotton Textiles held its first meeting on February 21, 1992.

Two Central Trade Union Organisations namely the Centre of Indian Trade Unions and All India Trade Union Congress have represented about their non-inclusion in some of the Industrial Committees. It has been decided to allocate one seat each to both these Organisations in such Industrial Committees in which they were not represented.

Central Investment Subsidy for small scale sector

*140. SHRI J.P. JAVALI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be Pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central investment Subsidy is available to small scale sector;

(b) if so, the criteria adopted to determine small scale sector and the details of the subsidy available to it ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.J. KURIEN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Steep rise in prices of bulk drugs

1144. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of steep rise in prices of essential drugs especially for the last two months or so from 50 per cent to 100 per cent;

(b) if so, whether Government proposes to set up a high level Committee, including Members of Parliament, on Drug Pricing Policy so as to go into the entire issue of manufacturing, pricing and distribution of drugs on priority basis in the country;

(c) whether Government are aware of non-availability of life saving essential drugs to public at reasonable prices;

(d) if so, what steps have been taken so far ; and

(e) whether any specific directions issued to the drug manufacturing companies to accord top priority for production of such drugs, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN) : (a) In a situation of rising costs of inputs particularly of imported nature, corresponding increase in the prices